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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

David W. Nelms et al.

Serial No. 10/085,454

Filing Date: February 27, 2002

For: NON-RECTANGULAR SHAPED  
CREDIT CARD WITH CASE

**STATEMENT OF APPLICANTS IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT TO CORRECT  
INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This statement of the applicants is being submitted in support of the amendment and request to correct the original naming of the inventors. In support of the amendment, the applicants state as follows:

1. A non-provisional application for patent entitled "Non-Rectangular Shaped Credit Card With Case," was filed on February 27, 2002. The application has been assigned U.S. Serial No. 10/085,454.

2. U.S. Serial No. 10/085,454, as filed, named David W. Nelms, Betty M. Schick and Kimberly S. Wilson (hereinafter the "Named Inventors") as inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed therein.

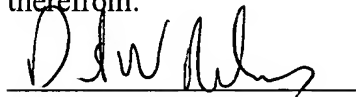
3. The subject matter of Serial No. 10/085,454, was the product of a joint development effort of the Named Inventors, who are employees of assignee Discover Financial Services, Inc., in Riverwoods, Illinois. That joint development effort also involved the contributions of Roger C. Hochschild, who was employed by Discover Financial Services, Inc. at the Riverwoods facility until March 29, 2001. Thereafter, Roger Hochschild was transferred to the parent company of assignee Discover Financial Services, Inc., and subsequently relocated to New York City, New York in June, 2001.

4. At the time the referenced patent application was filed on February 27, 2002, Mr. Hochschild was no longer working with the Named Inventors in Riverwoods, Illinois. On information and belief, the Named Inventors and Roger C. Hochschild state that Roger C. Hochschild had no knowledge of the referenced patent application until after it was filed on February 27, 2002. The failure to name Roger C. Hochschild as an inventor was without deceptive intent on the part of the Named Inventors and without deceptive intent on the part of Roger C. Hochschild.

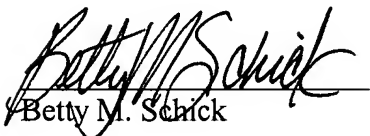
5. After the referenced application was filed on February 27, 2002, the Named Inventors understood that Roger C. Hochschild should be named as an inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the referenced application and that the referenced

application should be amended to name Roger C. Hochschild as an inventor. The Named Inventors have been diligent in supporting the preparation and filing of the necessary amendment to correct inventorship.

6. The Named Inventors and Roger C. Hochschild individually declare that all of the statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that all statements made herein are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

  
David W. Nelms

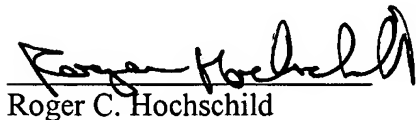
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